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Veterans Oasis Park

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Coming Fall 2007!



We're just months away from the opening of the new Veterans Oasis Park in Southeast Chandler! Construction of the 113-acre site is in full swing, with work

continuing on the trails, landscaping, parking areas, retention basins and lake, and on the interior of the Environmental Education Center and parks maintenance buildings.

A large portion of the site - 78 acres - is designed for groundwater recharge and wetlands, created through the formation of shallow basins that will infiltrate high quality reclaimed water to the subsurface aquifer for storage and recovery. In addition to serving as an important component of the City's comprehensive reclaimed water management plan, the system will provide critical habitat for birds and wildlife.

The Environmental Education Center will serve as the gateway to the site, offering a diverse roster of programming related to the environment, including sessions on topics such as bird watching, Sonoran Desert plants and animals, night hiking, survival and water conservation. In addition, center staff will offer programs and tours for school groups, scout groups and others interested in learning about the environment.

Adopt-A-Park Program

The City of Chandler's Adopt-A-Park Program allows citizens, and particularly park users, to show pride in their community. It is set up for groups to visit the park of their choice on a regular basis to pick up litter and perform other tasks to help keep the park clean. Local service and youth organizations, church and neighborhood groups can have fun while also providing a valuable community service. Groups can also win awards. By adopting a community park, residents are making their parks more beautiful, and are extending tax dollars by allowing City parks employees to spend their time on major renovation, repair, and maintenance work. To adopt a Chandler park, call 480.782.2665.



Digital renderings of the future Environmental Education Center inside Veterans Oasis Park.



A 6-acre lake adjacent to the center will be managed as an urban fishing lake under the guidelines of the Arizona Department of Game and Fish. Once filled in early 2008, the lake will be stocked regularly, and fishing clinics will be offered to anglers of all ages.

Finally, the park itself will offer numerous passive recreation opportunities for those willing to explore on their own, through self-guided interpretive hiking trails and areas for picnicking, nature study and wildlife viewing. No specific opening date has yet been determined for the project, but one will be announced once it has been set. Until then, project developments and updates can be tracked on the city's webpage at www.chandleraz.gov.

Living Tree Donation Program

Through the City's Living Tree Program you can help beautify our city parks while at the same time celebrating life by planting a tree! You can plant a tree in tribute of a wedding, birth of a child, anniversary, or to honor the memory of a loved one. Just donate money towards the purchase of a special tree, or donate a live tree to the City of Chandler Parks Division. We will then arrange for the park site and planting of the tree, as well as the tree maintenance. All living tree donations are tax-deductible. For more information call 480.782.2753.